

Senate Resolution No. 11

Introduced by Senator Soto

Relative to the 60th anniversary of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

WHEREAS, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born in Hyde Park, New York, on January 30, 1882; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, at the age of 39, Mr. Roosevelt suffered a debilitating and crippling bout with poliomyelitis; and

WHEREAS, Through determination, courage, and strength of will, he regained the use of his legs; and

WHEREAS, In 1928, he was elected to the first of consecutive two-year terms as Governor of New York; and

WHEREAS, With the world mired in the Great Depression, in 1932, Mr. Roosevelt was elected to the first of four terms as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In his first 100 days in office, President Roosevelt proposed, and the Congress enacted, a comprehensive program to offer recovery to business and agriculture, and relief to those who had lost their jobs and those in danger of losing their farms and their homes; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt expanded the safety net for the nation's unemployed, and pushed for the creation of the Social Security program, to keep the elderly and the disabled out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, President Roosevelt ensured that America's resources and people power were devoted to the global war against Nazism and Fascism; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt led our nation during two of its greatest crises, and in so doing, forever changed America's role as the ultimate world economic and military power; and

WHEREAS, With his death by cerebral hemorrhage on April 12, 1945, he did not live to see the final victories over the Axis Powers and the Great Depression; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That on the 60th anniversary of his death, the Senate recognizes the monumental contributions of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one of the greatest Presidents in our nation's history; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 11 read and adopted by the Senate April 7, 2005.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate